GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3257
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OUTSTANDING DUES FROM PVT. CELLULAR TELEPHONE OPERATORS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 2249 on March 12, 2001 regarding outstanding dues of private cellular telephone operators and state:

(a) whether the outstanding dues alongwith interest thereon has been recovered from the cellular operators;

(b) if so, the quantum of the amount recovered so far from each company and the time by which the remaining amount is likely to be recovered; and

(c) the reasons for renewing their licences?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Sir, the dues intimated in reply to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question NO. 2249 dated 12.3.2001, and recoveries made so far are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

NAME OF THE COMPANY	SERVICE AREA	AMOUNT DUE (excldg interest) as intimated in reply to LS USQ No. 2249	RECOVERIES MADE AFTER 12.3.2001 UP TO DATE
M/s KOSHIKA	ORISSA	50.15	NIL
-DO-	U.P(W)	41.85	NIL
-DO-	U.P.(E)	168.01	10 crores realised from Bank Guarantee and adjusted towards interest.
-DO-	BIHAR	34.77	NIL
M/S BHARTI MOBILE	PUNJAB	259.60	NIL
M/S AIRCEL DIGILINK+	UP(E)	Revenue Share under the migration package	No dues towards revenue share outstanding on date. An amount of Rs. 7.48 crores has been paid by the licensee as revenue share for the period 1.2.2000 to 31.10.2001 on self certification basis.

Steps were taken by the Government to recover the license fee dues by encashment of the Bank Guarantees and termination of the license. Uttar Pradesh (East) licenses of M/s Aircell Digilink and M/s Koshika could not be terminated due to non-availability of any fallback option to subscribers to avail service from other operator. The terminated licensees were also offered a restoration cum migration package for clearance of dues, which could not materialize. Further course of action to recover the existing dues is under

process.

(c) None of the licenses indicated above, which were terminated for default in payment have been revived.

+ A sum of Rs. 4.71 crores has been received towards penalties, balance amount is yet to be recovered.